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In re the application of

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AMENDMENTCommissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated August 13, 2003, the response for which is due November 13, 2003. Please amend and reconsider the above-referenced application. A check for the fee related to the new independent claim is enclosed. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-2425.